

PAINE, RUTH

IN RE: GRAND JURY
INVESTIGATION OF
CONSPIRACY TO MURDER
JOHN F. KENNEDY

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE OF OUT-OF-STATE WITNESS

TO THE HONORABLE MATTHEW S. BRANIFF, JUDGE OF SECTION "B" OF THE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS, STATE OF
LOUISIANA:

The undersigned Assistant District Attorney for the
Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions
of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 741, hereby
reports and certifies as follows:

1. That there is now pending before the Grand Jury
for the Parish of Orleans an investigation into a conspiracy to
murder John F. Kennedy. Said conspiracy is a felony under the
laws of the State of Louisiana.

2. That Mrs. Ruth Paine, now residing at 1201
Woodleigh Street, Irving, Texas, in the County of Dallas, is a
necessary and material witness for the State of Louisiana in
said Grand Jury investigation.

3. Mrs. Ruth Paine first met the Oswalds in February
1963 in Dallas, and subsequently befriended them. After Lee
Oswald's arrival in New Orleans on April 25, 1963, Marina
Oswald lived at Ruth Paine's home in Irving, Texas, and on
May 10, 1963, Mrs. Paine drove Marina to New Orleans in her car.
She stayed with the Oswalds for three days and returned to Texas
on May 14.

On September 20, 1963, Ruth Paine arrived in New Orleans again, and departed with Marina for Texas on September 23, transporting the alleged assassination weapon with them in the car at that time. This rifle was subsequently kept in Ruth Paine's garage.

Ruth Paine assisted Oswald in getting a job at the Texas School Book Depository by calling the superintendent, Roy Truly, on October 14, 1963, and advising him that Oswald was looking for work.

On Thursday, November 21, 1963, Lee Harvey Oswald stayed overnight at Ruth Paine's house. The next morning, the day of President Kennedy's assassination, he left for work at the Texas School Book Depository. Later that day he was arrested and subsequently charged with the murder of John F. Kennedy.

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, Oswald called Mrs. Paine from the Dallas jail in an attempt to procure a lawyer for his defense.


4. That the presence of the said Mrs. Ruth Paine, personally to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury will be required upon the following days, to-wit: April 18, 19, 1968.

5. That if said Mrs. Ruth Paine, as such witness, comes into the State of Louisiana in obedience to a summons directing her to attend and testify at said proceedings, the laws of the State of Louisiana and of any other state through which said witness may be required to pass by the ordinary course of travel to attend said proceedings, give her protection from arrest or the service or process, civil or criminal, in

connection with matters which arose prior to her entrance into said state pursuant to said summons;

6. That this Certificate is made for the purpose of being presented to a judge of a court of record of the County of Dallas, State of Texas, where said Mrs. Ruth Paine now is, upon proceedings to compel said Mrs. Ruth Paine to attend and testify before the Grand Jury of the Parish of Orleans, the State of Louisiana, upon the days and dates hereinbefore set forth.

WHEREFORE, it is requested for and on behalf of the State of Louisiana that your Honor certify to the above and foregoing by the issuance of a Certificate thereto under the Seal of the Court, for the purpose of and being presented to a Judge of a court of record of the State of Texas, County of Dallas, in a proceeding to compel the attendance of the said Mrs. Ruth Paine as a witness in proceedings before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for the time and date as set forth and pursuant to the law.



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Parish of Orleans
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ty April 19 1968

Irving Woman Doubts Conspiracy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Texas woman subpoenaed by the Orleans Parish grand jury said Thursday she doesn't believe that Lee Harvey Oswald decided to shoot President John F. Kennedy until the day before the assassination.

Mrs. Ruth Paine of Irving, a Dallas suburb, told reporters before her grand jury appearance she does not think there could have been a conspiracy "because I honestly believe Oswald did not make up his mind to shoot the President until the day before."

Oswald's wife, Marina, was living with Mrs. Paine at the time of the assassination on Nov. 22,

1963. They had met 10 months earlier.

MRS. PAINE went before the jury Thursday in response to a subpoena issued by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's office, although she said she doubted that she could add anything to the probe.

Garrison contends there was a conspiracy—based in New Orleans—to commit the assassination. Garrison has expressed doubt that Oswald was the triggerman, despite the finding by the Warren Commission that Oswald was the lone assassin.

Most of what Mrs. Paine told newsmen corresponded closely to her testimony four years ago

before the Warren Commission. The commission report concluded that "Ruth and Michael Paine (her husband) were not involved in any way with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy."

IN SEPTEMBER 1963, Mrs. Paine transported Marina and the Oswald household gear from New Orleans to Irving in her station wagon. In the subpoena, Garrison alleged that the rifle with which the Warren Commission says Oswald shot Kennedy was among the belongings.

Mrs. Paine said Thursday the gun could have been in the car

but "I did not see one." She said that until the day after the assassination "I did not even know he had a rifle."

Shortly after Oswald was arrested, Marina was interviewed (television) and asked if she knew anything about the assassination. She said, "I didn't think about it being Lee until I went to the garage (after hearing the first reports) and saw his rifle was gone." — She was living with Mrs. Paine at the time.

To: *Archives*
Re: *Ruth Paine*

M E M O R A N D U M

April 15, 1968

TO: JIM ALCOCK, Assistant D. A.

FROM: TOM BETHELL

RE: RUTH PAINE ADDENDUM

1. Your husband bought a 1956 Oldsmobile for \$200. Can you tell us who he bought it from: Who licensed it in 1964?
2. When police came to your house soon after the assassination you are reported to have said, "Come on in, we've been expecting you." As this was before Oswald's name had been mentioned on the radio, can you tell us why you were expecting the police?
3. Do you know a lady on the West Coast by the name of Sylvia Bortin, married to Robert Uname? She is a Los Angeles Unitarian (and know Kerry Thornley).
4. Did you know two musicians named Simmons and Willis who lived opposite you at 2530 W. 5th Street? (They played at Jack Ruby's Carousel Club)
5. George Lyman Paine (Ruth Paine's father-in-law) attended a Christmas party in Dallas in 1962. Do you know who gave the party? (If it was Declan Ford, Oswald was also at the party.)
6. Where was the real estate that Michael Paine was interested in buying? Did he in fact buy it?
7. Could you tell us if there is any truth to the rumors that Marina Oswald in fact returned to your home some time between May and September, 1963?
8. There is a report of a telephone conversation (2 H 428) between you and your husband on November 23, 1963. Michael is reported to have said, "We both know who is responsible for the assassination." Can you elaborate on this?

When George Lyman Paine visited you & Michael Christmas of 1962, Michael testified it was to attend a Christmas party - who gave that party and where was it held?

(Katya Ford - Mrs. Declan Ford gave a party Dec. 28, 1962 - about 50 of the Russian community & their guests attended that party - we only have the names of 27 guests - Was George Lyman Paine there?)

Which one of the Russian community did George Lyman Paine meet in Dec. of 1962?

Is it possible George Lyman Paine could have met Oswald during this visit without your knowledge?

(George Lyman Paine called Michael immediately after assassination - indignant because Oswald was being made a "scapegoat" - Could George Lyman Paine be the one who gave Oswald the "money" in Dec. with which he paid off the State Dept.?)

In Oct or Nov of 1963 Michael bought a 1956 Oldsmobile. He paid \$200⁰⁰ for it. From whom did he purchase this car?

Jack Ruby had a 1956 Oldsmobile on April 2, 1963 - but 26 volumes show that Ruby purchased license for a 1960 Olds that day - April 2nd - Is this an effort "to cover up"? Could Michael have purchased the car from Ruby? Or could Oswald have purchased the 1956 Olds.

(relate Maguire's experience with the FBI + the '56 Olds)

Who put license on the car in Oct or Nov 1964?

at whose instructions?

Did Michael Paine telephone you
at your home on Nov 22 or 23, 1963,
from his office or from any other
place and say to you . . . "you and I
both know he isn't responsible for
the ~~assassination~~ assassination - We
know who is responsible" . . . ?

(See Vol. II p. 397^F for her answer
to Jenner's question -

See Vol 2 p. 428 for Michael's
answer to Libeler's question)

Why did you say to the three
deputies, "Come in, we've been
expecting you." ?

Did Marina Oswald come to your
home in Irving, Texas, between
May 10th and September 20th?

(Lydia Dymitruk
Schneiders
Houghtons
William Hyde.)

In August of 1963, Michael visited his
father, George Lyman Paine, in Los Angeles.
His father gave him \$3000⁰⁰. Michael
said he looked at real estate to buy.
You and Michael had been separated
over a year but you went to look at
the real estate. Where was it?

Did he buy it?

Did he purchase any other real estate?

Ruth testified she did not know
of political activities on part of
her brother and sister

Dr Carl Dudley Hyde

Sylvia Hyde Hoke

!!!

Pres Johnson in San Antonio

Did you ever know Sylvia Bortin,
Kerry Thornley went to Los Angeles
& met with a friend, Sylvia Bortin,
a Unitarian.

In your folk dancing activities
were guitars ever used?
(See Vol 3. p. 25)

CE 401 April "Rio Grande Nat'l Bldg." who was
that rotation during (17-57)

Shirley Ore's notes for Mary F.

Have you ever heard of Arthur E. Yanovich
(worked for Schick at Rio Grande Nat'l Bldg.)

! Was ^{there} ~~was~~ ^{it} did Oswald get to Irving in Oct 48?
(was it 'Albert', Negro man?)

